

PLT Script – Measured Approach 15Feb22

- You agreed in writing to remove your convoy trucks by Monday 14Feb at noon from residential areas and to consolidate protest efforts around Parliament.
- You are asked to leave the area immediately.
- Those who are not part of the above consolidated foot print will be subject to enforcement.

For all participants blocking roads regardless of location (Wellington or not)

- You are asked to leave the area immediately.
- It is a criminal offence to obstruct, interrupt or interfere with the lawful use, enjoyment, or operation of property.

The offence is mischief to property.

- The unlawful act of blocking streets in the downtown core is resulting in people being denied the lawful use, enjoyment and operation of their property.
- We are providing you notice that anyone blocking streets may be committing a criminal offence.
- You must immediately cease further unlawful activity or you may face charges.
- You could be arrested without a warrant for this offence if you are a party to the offence or assisting others in the direct or indirect commission in this offence.
- Offence-related property, including vehicles, may be seized as part of the offence. The vehicles may be detained and following a conviction possibly forfeited.
- As always we are committed to ensuring the safety of all involved.
- The proper use of police discretion is a valid, appropriate approach to de-escalating situations. The proper exercise of police discretion should not be confused with lack of enforcement. Police personnel may wait for a lower-risk opportunity to arrest offenders rather than inflame a situation.